

Claims

- [c1] 1.A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:
a body; and
a lip extending from said body;
said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and
a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch).
- [c2] 2.The container of claim 1, further comprising
polystyrene, polyethylene, or polypropylene.
- [c3] 3.The container of claim 1, wherein said body comprises
a sidewall and a base.
- [c4] 4.The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises
a plurality of apertures therein.
- [c5] 5.The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises
a plurality of support ribs thereon.
- [c6] 6.The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises
a plurality of spikes thereon.
- [c7] 7.The container of claim 6, wherein each of said plurality
of spikes comprises a base surrounded by a plurality of

blades.

- [c8] 8.The container of claim 1, wherein said lip comprises a flange extending from said flat surface.
- [c9] 9.The container of claim 8, wherein said flange extends downwardly at an angle so as to form a pocket with said body.
- [c10] 10.The container of claim 9, wherein said pocket comprises an upper curved radius.
- [c11] 11.The container of claim 1, further comprising a lid to be positioned within said body.
- [c12] 12.The container of claim 11, wherein said lid comprises a concave shape.
- [c13] 13.The container of claim 11, wherein said lid comprises a plurality of apertures therein.
- [c14] 14.The container of claim 11, wherein said body comprises one or more over-cuts therein for said lid.
- [c15] 15.The container of claim 1, further comprising one or more layers of filter paper positioned within said body.
- [c16] 16.The container of claim 1, further comprising a foil envelope for holding the ground coffee or the tealeaves.

- [c17] 17.A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:
a base;
said base comprising a plurality of apertures therein;
a circular sidewall extending from said base; and
a lip extending from said sidewall;
said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and
a flange extending downwardly from said flat surface.
- [c18] 18.The container of claim 17, wherein said flange comprises a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch).
- [c19] 19.The container of claim 17, wherein said base comprises a plurality of spikes thereon.
- [c20] 20.A dispenser for brewing a beverage from a beverage material, comprising:
a pod with the beverage material therein;
said pod comprising a lip extending from a body;
a pod holder;
said pod holder adapted to receive said pod therein and support said lip of said pod; and
an injection head;
said injection head comprising about 136 to 160 kilograms (about 300 to 350 pounds) of force applied to said lip of said pod.

- [c21] 21.The dispenser of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of pods.
- [c22] 22.The dispenser of claim 20, wherein said pod comprises about five (5) to about eight (8) grams of a plastic material.
- [c23] 23.The dispenser of claim 20, further comprising a turret assembly such that said turret assembly comprises said pod holder.
- [c24] 24.The dispenser of claim 20, further comprising an injector assembly such that said injector assembly comprises said injection head.
- [c25] 25.The dispenser of claim 24, wherein said injector assembly comprises a drive mechanism so as to maneuver said injection head.
- [c26] 26.The dispenser of claim 25, wherein said drive mechanism maneuvers said injection head about 6.4 to about 12.7 millimeters (about one-quarter to about one-half inches) in a substantially vertical direction.
- [c27] 27.The dispenser of claim 20, wherein said lip comprises a substantially flat top surface and said injection head comprises a sealing ring sized to accommodate said flat top surface.

- [c28] 28. The dispenser of claim 20, wherein said injection head provides water pressurized at about 1.4 to 14 kilograms per square centimeter (about 20 to about 200 pounds per square inch) to said pod.
- [c29] 29. The dispenser of claim 20, wherein said body comprises a plurality of spikes therein.
- [c30] 30. A method for preparing a beverage from a beverage material, comprising:
placing the beverage material within a container;
tamping the beverage material down with a lid of said container;
positioning said lid into said container; and
injecting said container with water pressurized water at about 1.4 to 14 kilograms per square centimeter (about 20 to about 200 pounds per square inch).